

Purple-spored Puffball
Vase-shaped Puffball

Calvatia cyathiformis
(Bosc) Morgan



OVERALL: Alpha Ridge Landfill, 10/19/2008, *R. Orr*.
OVERALL (showing mature spores): MPENA, 10/14/2009, *J. Solem*.
BASE of OLD FRUITING BODY: Alpha Ridge Landfill, 10/19/2008,
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Agaricaceae

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ID: Solitary, scattered, fairy rings. Purple/black cup often found. On hard-packed earth in grassy areas.

Habitat: Solitary, scattered, fairy rings. On hard-packed earth in grassy areas or along wood land edges.

Fruiting Body: 3.5 – 7"x to 3.5 – 8" [9 – 17.5 cm x 9 – 20 cm]
White to pale brown. Smooth, then areolate, breaking into thin plates that flake off in age. Ellipsoid/spherical or pear-/top-shaped (irregular in age). Leaves a purple saucer-shaped cup.

Spores: White and solid, then yellowish, finally dull purple/purple-brown and powdery.

Frequency: Fairly common.

Locations: ALRGL, FRANF, GUIPK, HAMVL, MCLUR, MPENA, MTPLT, ROBNC, ROGOR, UMDCF, WSTRP.

Notes: Mycobank 365852.

References: Bar 93. BBF 452, 458. Bni 494fn. BRBD 331, 82. K&M 129. E&S 341. Lin 822, 653. M&M 459. Phi 330. Roo 440. Stu 404. W&L 194-5.